

SPECIAL BULLETIN A
Upper Glade Drum Site
Upper Glade, Webster County, WV

TO: Regional Response Center
U.S. EPA Region III

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I. INTRODUCTION

An inspection performed in accordance with the National Contingency Plan has identified an immediate and significant risk of harm to human health and the environment posed by the presence of a leaking liquid drum containing unknown materials. An unlabeled drum of an unknown chemical was found to have been illegally dumped by persons unknown at this time along property owned by Oliver Hall, Upper Glade, Webster County, West Virginia.

Section 104 of CERCLA calls for the initiation of immediate removal where there is a threat of a release of a hazardous substance which may present an imminent and substantial danger to public health or welfare.

The Delegation of Authority 14-1-A (4/8/86) authorizes the OSC to approve CERCLA removals with a total cost of less than \$50,000. The OSC, therefore, approved the use of CERCLA funds at this site to mitigate the threat to human health and the environment by securing and removing the hazardous unknown substance and contaminated soil to proper storage and disposal.

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II. BACKGROUND

On July 31, 1987, Pam Hayes, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR) Division of Waste Management notified OSC Benton Wilmoth as to the leaking drum of unknown materials which had been illegally dumped near Oliver Hall's property by persons unknown. The drum is lying along the road and has produced a large area of vegetation stress and has also made a local child ill who came into contact with the drum.

III. THREAT

The threat of direct human contact, inhalation, and ingestion of vapors emanating from the hazardous material was substantial. Residents were complaining of strong noxious odors, and stated that the material stressed vegetation in a 10 foot area directly around the site. One child was reportedly made ill for two days as a result of contact with the drum.

The drum is located near the Oliver Hall residence in Upper Glade, West Virginia which lies on Glade Run, a tributary to the Gauley River.

The drum is located alongside Route 46 in Upper Glade, adjacent to the Oliver Hall residence, 0.2 miles from the K & L Grocery Store, 0.4 miles from the Pentecostal Church of God, and approximately 0.1 miles from Glade Run.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work proposed for implementation with the emergency \$50,000 appropriation includes 1) Overpacking and removing the contaminated drum; 2) Removal of contaminated soil into drums; 3) Temporary storage at a RCRA approved TSD facility until such time as final disposal is arranged; 4) Sample analysis to be performed on drum sample to determine disposal arrangements.

The authorized budget for this \$50K removal is:

EPA	\$ 5,000
EPA HQ. (15%)	7,500
TAT	7,500
ERCS	30,000

TOTAL	\$ 50,000

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V. OSC ACTION

On August 3, 1987 the OSC issued Delivery Order No. 7445-03-001 to ERCS in the amount of \$30,000 to initiate removal actions aimed at mitigating the threat to human health and the environment.

At this time, no Potential Responsible Parties (PRP) have been identified. As a result, the OSC has initiated this CERCLA removal.

Because the conditions of the Upper Glade Drum Site meet the conditions of Section 300.65 of the National Contingency Plan for and immediate removal, the OSC has approved this immediate removal action.



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